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SUBJECT: HORN OF AFRICA: SOMALI WITHDRAWAL

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1. WE DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH BOTH MANSFIELD AND MUNRO.
THEY HAD ALREADY RECEIVED REPORT OF HARROP'S BRIEFING
OF ROBINSON IN WASHINGTON AND SAID THEY AGREED ENTIRELY
WITH THE POINTS WE HAVE MADE AND OUR APPROACH TO OTHER
GOVERNMENTS. FCO PLANS TO PRODUCE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE

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REACTION IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND WILL PROBABLY PROPOSE
FOUR-POWER OR FIVE-POWER CONSULTATIONS FOR SOMETIME
NEXT WEEK.

2. ON AN OBSERVER GROUP FOR THE OGADEN, BOTH OFFICIALS
EXPRESSED SOME FRUSTRATION THAT WE WILL INEVITABLY HAVE
TO COUNT ON THE UNDEPENDABLE MACHINERY OF THE OAU. THEY

BELIEVE THAT IF THE SUGGESTION FOR AN OBSERVER FORCE CAME
FROM THE NIGERIANS, IT MIGHT HAVE SOME CHANCE OF
SUCCESS, BUT THEY DOUBTED IF GARBA WOULD TAKE UP THE
NECESSARY LEADERSHIP.

3. FCO ISSUED A STATEMENT AT NOON MARCH 10 WELCOMING
THE SOMALI WITHDRAWAL, ENCOURAGING NEGOTIATIONS AND
CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS IN THE
OGADEN. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, SPOKESMAN SAID
HMG WOULD BE CONSIDERING ECONOMIC AND RELIEF ASSISTANCE
TO THE AREA. TEXT FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.

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